

Wildland Fire Fighting Response 2021



U.S. Army North is U.S. Northern Command's Joint Force Land Component Command, and when requested by the National Interagency Fire Center and approved by the Office of the Secretary of Defense, rapidly deploys military ground personnel in support of civil authorities, to help interagency partners respond to wildland fires to protect people, property, and lands.

DoD response efforts:

- Approximately 200 Soldiers deployed from the 23rd Brigade Engineer Battalion and the 2-3 Infantry Battalion, both based out of Joint Base Lewis-McChord
- Spent one day at JBLM conducting classroom training and two days hands on training at the Dixie Fire to certify with the National Interagency Fire Center before going to the fire line
- Requested through NIFC in support of fire suppression efforts on the Dixie Fire

Facts about the Dixie Fire:

- Began July 13, 2021
- Spanned the Plumas National Forest, Lassen National Forest, Lassen Volcanic National Park and five counties in Northern California
- As of Sept. 29, 963,276 acres of land burned and 94% contained
- Second largest wildfire in the state's history

History of military support to NIFC:

- The last active duty military mobilization for wildfire support was conducted in 2020 on the August Complex and the Creek Fires.
- Since 1987, military personnel have been mobilized to serve as wildland firefighters 40 times.
- The military has provided firefighters and MAFFS support during several critical fires seasons including 1988, 1989, 1990, 1994, 1996, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2015, 2018, and 2020.



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